GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Public Services - Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Complaints – Allegations of manipulations in sale of Rice Harvester in Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), Krishna District – Disciplinary action against Smt.G.Rajya Lakshmi, former Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tiruvuru and presently working as Mandal Agriculture Officer, Vissannapeta, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture ®, Vissannapeta, NTR District, under A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charge - Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 303 **Dated :22/03/2024**

Read the following:

1. U.O. Note No. 977(DG)/V&E/Sec-II/D1/2018, General Administration (V&E) Dept., Dt: 14.12.2018.
2. Govt. Memo No. AGC01-AGRI/11/2019-VIG-I, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.08.01.2019.
3. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Vig.I(I) 24/2019, dt.30.08.2023.
4. Govt. Memo No. AGC01-AGRI/11/2019-VIG-I, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.26.09.2023.
5. From the Spl. Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Vig.I(I) 24/2019, dt.06.02.2024.

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Smt.G.Rajya Lakshmi, former Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tiruvuru and presently working as Mandal Agriculture Officer, Vissannapeta, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture ®, Vissannapeta, NTR District, in accordance with procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed Statement of Articles of Charge (Annexure-I). Statement of imputation of misconduct or misbehavior on which action is proposed to be taken against her as Annexure-II, a list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the Article of Charge is proposed to be sustained are also enclosed as Annexure-III and IV.

3. Smt.G.Rajya Lakshmi, former Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tiruvuru and presently working as Mandal Agriculture Officer, Vissannapeta, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture ®, Vissannapeta, NTR District, is directed to submit a Written Statement of Defense (WSD) within (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. Smt.G.Rajya Lakshmi, former Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tiruvuru and presently working as Mandal Agriculture Officer, Vissannapeta, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture ®, Vissannapeta, NTR District, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charge as are not admitted. She should therefore, specifically admit or deny each Articles of Charge.

5. Smt.G.Rajya Lakshmi, former Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tiruvuru and presently working as Mandal Agriculture Officer, Vissannapeta, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture ®, Vissannapeta, NTR District, is further informed that if she does not submit her Written Statement of Defense (WSD) on or before the date specified in para-3 above, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against her ex-parte.

6. Attention of Smt.G.Rajya Lakshmi, former Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tiruvuru and presently working as Mandal Agriculture Officer, Vissannapeta, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture ®, Vissannapeta, NTR District, is invited to rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interest in respect of matters pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be

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presumed that Smt.G.Rajya Lakshmi, former Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tiruvuru and presently working as Mandal Agriculture Officer, Vissannapeta, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture ®, Vissannapeta, NTR District, is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
CHIEF COMMISSIONER, RBKs &
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:
Smt.G.Rajya Lakshmi, former Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tiruvuru and presently working as Mandal Agriculture Officer, Vissannapeta, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture ®, Vissannapeta, NTR District
(through the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur)

Copy to:
The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur,
(With a request to serve the original G.O. on the Charged Officer and obtain her dated acknowledgement on the Xerox copy and furnish the same along with her Written Statement of Defense (WSD) to the Government)
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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. G. RAJYA LAKSHMI, FORMER MANDAL AGRICULTURAL OFFICER, TIRUVURU AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS MANDAL AGRICULTURAL OFFICER, VISSANNAPETA, O/o ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (R), VISSANNAPETA, NTR DISTRICT.

Articles of Charge - I:

"That the said Smt.G.Rajya Lakshmi, former Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tiruvuru, and presently working as Mandal Agriculture Officer, Vissannapeta, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Vissannapeta, has not verified the accounts of the Rice Harvester, after its sanction to M/s. Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), Krishna District on subsidy basis during the year 2016-17 and not taken any action to find out the whereabouts of Machine up to the receipt of Compliant Petition by Sri Kolli Ashok Chowdary, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), erstwhile Krishna District and presently NTR District, in October, 2018.

The above acts show that she is not devoted and negligent in discharging her legitimate duties which attract violation of rule – 3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Articles of Charge - II:

"That the said Smt.G.Rajya Lakshmi, former Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tiruvuru and presently working as Mandal Agriculture Officer, Vissannapeta, O/o Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Vissannapeta, has not issued any Show Cause Notice to M/s. Tarakarama Rythu Sangam, even though she has received complaint that the Sangam has lent the Rice Harvester to others, without her permission and she has not even reported the matter to the higher authorities.

The above acts show that she is not devoted and negligent in discharging her legitimate duties which attract violation of rule –3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Sd/- Gopal Krishna Dwivedi
CHIEF COMMISSIONER, RBKs &
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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. G. RAJYA LAKSHMI, FORMER MANDAL AGRICULTURAL OFFICER, TIRUVURU AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS MANDAL AGRICULTURAL OFFICER, VISSANNAPETA, O/o ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (R), VISSANNAPETA, NTR DISTRICT.

Basis of the Charge-I:

A Complaint Petition was lodged by Sri Kolli Ashok Chowdary, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), erstwhile Krishna District and presently NTR District regarding irregularities & manipulations occurred at the time of sanction of Rice Harvester to the M/s. Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), erstwhile Krishna District and presently NTR District on subsidy basis during the year 2016-17.

The preliminary inquiry conducted by the Sub Collector, Nuzvid reveals that, the staff have not followed the departmental guidelines while sanctioning the Rice Harvester on subsidy basis to M/s.Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, Chettela (V), Tiruvuru (M), erstwhile Krishna District, during the year 2016-17.

Further, Smt.G.Rajya Lakshmi, former Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tiruvuru has not verified the accounts of the Rice Harvester, after its sanction to M/s. Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), Krishna District on subsidy basis during the year 2016-17 and not taken any action to find out the whereabouts of Machine up to the receipt of Compliant Petition by Sri Kolli Ashok Chowdary, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), erstwhile Krishna District and presently NTR District, in October, 2018.

Thus, the above acts show that Smt.G.Rajya Lakshmi, former Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tiruvuru is not devoted and negligent in discharging her legitimate duties which attract violation of rule – 3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Basis of the Charge-II:

A Complaint Petition was lodged by Sri Kolli Ashok Chowdary, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), erstwhile Krishna District and presently NTR District regarding irregularities & manipulations occurred at the time of sanction of Rice Harvester to the M/s. Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), erstwhile Krishna District and presently NTR District on subsidy basis during the year 2016-17.

The preliminary inquiry conducted by the Sub Collector, Nuzvid reveals that, the staff have not followed the departmental guidelines while sanctioning the Rice Harvester on subsidy basis to M/s. Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, Chettela (V), Tiruvuru (M), erstwhile Krishna District, during the year 2016-17.

Further, it is observed that, Smt.G.Rajya Lakshmi, former Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tiruvuru, has not issued any Show Cause Notice to M/s. Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, even though she has received the compliant that the Sangam has lent the Rice Harvester to others, without her permission and she has not even reported the matter to the higher authorities. Her easy going and lethargic attitude have created complications to the Department while handling the allegations in the complaint petition lodged by Sri Kolli Ashok Chowdary, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), erstwhile Krishna District and presently NTR District.

The above acts show that she is not devoted and negligent in discharging her legitimate duties which attract violation of rule – 3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Hence, the Charge.

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ANNEXURE -III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. G. RAJYA LAKSHMI, FORMER MANDAL AGRICULTURAL OFFICER, TIRUVURU AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS MANDAL AGRICULTURAL OFFICER, VISSANNAPETA, O/o ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (R), VISSANNAPETA, NTR DISTRICT PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

Enquiry report submitted by the Smt. Prathistha Mamgain, I.A.S, Sub Collector, Nuzvid vide Rc.G.1640/2020, Dated 24.03.2021.

Sd/- Gopal Krishna Dwivedi
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ANNEXURE- IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. G. RAJYA LAKSHMI, FORMER MANDAL AGRICULTURAL OFFICER, TIRUVURU AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS MANDAL AGRICULTURAL OFFICER, VISSANNAPETA, O/o ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (R), VISSANNAPETA, NTR DISTRICT PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

Sri Kolli Ashok Chowdary, Chittela(V), Tiruvuru (M), Krishna District (Complainant)

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